

## Question and Answers

Pre-Proposal Conference for 19CG5021R0008 – Roof Coating and Repair Project

May 27, 2021

### **Question:**

Regarding the “Grey base coat and polyester reinforcing fabric”, correct me if I am wrong but according to the documents, reinforcing fabric is to be used on all concrete roofs, and the square footage of the fabric as compared to the square footage of the roofs seem to be quite different.

As I understood, the old membrane on the concrete roofs is to be completely removed, is this the case? Could you inform me how this was taken off for the contract?

### **Answer:**

C.3.3 D See the amended solicitation. The existing membrane shall not be removed unless directed by the U.S. Embassy COR under differing site conditions. The reinforcing fabric is furnished by the U.S. Embassy, so the contractor need only perform the work as it is prescribed in sections C. 3.1 / C. 3.2/ C.3.3/ C.3.4 / C.3.5 /C.3.6/ C.3.7/C.3.8/C.3.9/C.3.10

### **Question:**

Are there any items or structures to be removed from the roofs before work can begin?

### **Answer:**

C.3.10 C. There could be some small debris that would need to be removed. No equipment shall be removed from the roof during the coating works unless expressly authorized by the Contracting Officer Representative, under differing site conditions.

### **Question:**

Is there sufficient space around all of the locations to erect professional scaffolding?

### **Answer:**

Yes, there is sufficient space around all of the locations for professional scaffolding.

### **Question:**

Will there be water connection and an electrical connection provided at each location?

### **Answer:**

C.1.6 Temporary Facilities Yes, the Embassy will ensure appropriate water and electrical connections at each location.

**Question:**

Will the Embassy provide trash receptacle or appropriate container at each location?

**Answer:**

It is the contractor's responsibility to remove all construction debris, such as discarded paint materials, rags, cans etc. from each site each day per sections and C. 3.10 B

**Question:**

Is there sufficient space and access at each location for trucks and/or man lift type equipment to be used?

**Answer:**

There is sufficient space at all buildings for scaffolding. There is sufficient parking available for trucks, and for a man lift as well.

**Question:**

Will the Embassy provide a container or other type of field office location?

**Answer:**

No, the embassy does not provide a container or field office location. The embassy will provide an exterior storage place for its own material and equipment and the contractors material and equipment used for that specific roof location only.

**Question:**

Will the Embassy provide toilets at each location or should our offer include the cost of portable toilets?

**Answer:**

The contractor should provide portable toilets at each location.

**Question:**

Razor wire on roofs-at several locations it was observed that razor wire has been added to the roof edges for security purposes. Is the contractor responsible for removal of this to perform the works? If so, what security protocols need to be implemented to ensure that adequate security is maintained throughout the period of work

**Answer:**

The security wire will remain intact and not removed by the contractor. If a section has to be moved to allow the contractor to perform their work. The Embassy COR will direct the Facility Maintenance staff to remove the wire.

**Question:**

It was observed at one location (30 June Boulevard Residence) that tree branches were very close to the roof and might need to be removed to ensure the quality of the installation. Is this allowed? If encountered on other locations will it be permitted?

**Answer:**

If any tree branches prevent the contractor from performing the contractual scope of work, the Embassy COR will direct the Facility Maintenance staff to trim back the branches. The contractor is not allowed to do any alterations to the trees, tree branches, bushes, etc. or any other landscaping located at any of the properties.

**Question:**

It was observed on several locations that were visited last week that antenna's and other communication equipment were installed on various roofs. Is the contractor responsible of the removal and reinstallation of these?

**Answer:**

The contractor is not allowed to touch any antenna's or any other communication devices that are located on any of the roofs. The Embassy COR will determine if any antenna's and or communication devices need to be moved or removed from the roofs. If the COR determines that the communication devices, including the antenna's must stay in place then the contractor will work around the antenna's and communication devices. If the equipment must be removed, the Embassy staff will remove the item and re install after completion of the roof work.

**Question:**

In the original RFQ total square footage of all flat concrete roofs comes to 13,190 square feet. Looking at the material take offs in the RFQ I see that only 5- 40" rolls have been accounted for. At 1000 square feet per roll I am worried that we are short on materials.

1. Concrete Roofs:

- a. Perform minor repairs to concrete substrate cracks and voids.
- b. Begin repair works at low end around roof drains or eave edge.

- c. Apply one coat primer on all surfaces and allow to dry.
- d. Apply stain blocker on asphalt surfaces.
- e. Apply grey base coat on roof field with embedding fabric over entire roof and apply fabric on all base flashings (up-turns) around roof perimeter or penetrations.
- f. Apply flashing grade at all termination points.
- g. Apply first topcoat over the entire roof and allow to dry prior to applying the second finish coat.

It would appear that we are short 9- 40” rolls to complete the installation based on square footage provided in the original RFQ.

**Answer:**

The Embassy supplied materials are the only materials to be used for this project. If, as the project moves along, it is determined that there is not enough material to complete all of the roofs in the scope of work, the Embassy COR will make a decision to stop the project.

**Question:**

Per the RFQ, on metal roofs polyester fabric is only required to be installed over fasteners and horizontal and vertical seams. Please confirm that embedded polyester fabric is only required at these locations.

**Answer:**

C.1.1 B f. Apply grey base coat over all metal panel seams. Apply seam sealer and fabric tape over each fastener and along vertical and horizontal seams.

**Question:**

We were not able to physically inspect any of the roofs on last week’s site visit. Not being able to verify the condition of fasteners, flashings, and roof sheeting leaves an unknown quantity in the bidding process.

**Answer:**

The contractor is required to bid according to the site visit and the scope of work stated in the bid solicitation.

**Question:**

May we have the email address of the U.S. Government insurer in question, this may allow us to contact him directly.

**Answer:**

The Offeror shall include Defense Base Act (DBA) insurance premium costs covering employees. The offeror may obtain DBA insurance directly from any Department of Labor approved providers at the DOL website at <http://www.dol.gov/owcp/dlhwc/lscarrier.htm>

**Question:**

At the site visit it was stated that the membrane would not be removed. However, in C.2.3 and C.3.1, it states that the membrane should be removed. Please clarify if the membrane should or should not be removed.

**Answer:**

See the solicitation for the amended concerning this subject. The existing membrane shall not be removed unless directed by the U.S. Embassy COR. The reinforcing fabric is furnished by the U.S. Embassy, so the contractor need only perform the work as it is prescribed in sections C. 3.1 / C. 3.2/ C.3.3/ C.3.4 / C.3.5 /C.3.6/ C.3.7/C.3/8/C.3.9/C.3.10

**Question:**

Are the government supplied materials already in Kinshasa?

**Answer:**

Yes, all the government supplied materials are in Kinshasa at the Embassy's Facility Warehouse.

**Question:**

Will there be any expense to the prime contractor for security clearance onto the embassy, and if so, what is the cost per background check?

**Answer:**

There will be no cost for security clearance, as the clearance will be issued by the local Regional Security Office.

**Question:**

What is the level of security clearance required?

**Answer:**

A formal security clearance is not required. All personnel requiring access to the locations will have a basic checks performed by the local Regional Security Office.

**Question:**

What wage rates will be required to fulfill this solicitation.

**Answer:**

**LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

**H.7.1 COMPLIANCE REQUIRED**

The Contractor shall, without additional expense to the Government, be responsible for complying with all laws, codes, ordinances, and regulations applicable to the performance of the work, including those of the host country, and with the lawful orders of any governmental authority having jurisdiction. Host country authorities may not enter the construction site without the permission of the Contracting Officer. Unless otherwise directed by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall comply with the more stringent of the requirements of such laws, regulations and orders and of the contract. In the event of a conflict between the contract and such laws, regulations and orders, the Contractor shall promptly advise the Contracting Officer of the conflict and of the Contractor's proposed course of action for resolution by the Contracting Officer.

**H.7.2 LABOR, HEALTH AND SAFETY LAWS AND CUSTOMS**

The Contractor shall comply with all local labor laws, regulations, customs and practices pertaining to labor, safety, and similar matters, to the extent that such compliance is not inconsistent with the requirements of this contract.

**Questions:**

1. SF 1442 Block 13.B An offer guarantee is required. Please provide an offer guarantee sample, if it is different than the provided Attachment #1 on page 45.
2. Please clarify if there is a bid bond required and if it is for 20% of the value of the contract.
3. If a contractor provides an Irrevocable Letter of Credit, is it for 20% of the contract value, 40% of the contract value, or 100% of the contract value?
4. What format and to whom is the irrevocable letter of credit issued
5. How long after the project is completed will the government hold the Irrevocable Letter of Credit.
6. Is an Irrevocable Letter of Credit be issued with the contract upon submission (as a bid guarantee), or at notice of award (as a payment/performance bond), or both?

7. If a company cannot obtain a bid bond, what does the contractor do to communicate to the government that that upon procurement, a IRLOC will be issued for (x) percent of the contract value.
8. What percentage of the contract is the Irrevocable Letter of Credit? The documents suggest 40% of the contract value. Please advise.

**Answer:**

Please see the amendment, Section H. Bond/Irrevocable Letter of Credit and Section J Sample Letter of Credit.

**Question:**

Per insurance requirements, we “must have war zone coverage” added onto our policy 10 days after award is issued, this is a statement that will lead to multiple other questions.

- a. Upon our research regarding “is the Democratic Republic of Congo as safe place to work” and pursuant to the war zone insurance coverage requirements, this project location has been deemed to be extremely dangerous, will the US Embassy provide armed guards on the roof tops for the contractor’s workers throughout the course of the workday?
- b. Will the US Embassy have sniper lookouts positioned on tops of the towers and buildings watching out across the neighboring buildings for any possible conflicts, threats, and terrorist situations that may arise from a potential hostile action against contractor workers on top of the roof?
- c. Will the US Embassy provide bullet proof vests to all personnel in inside of the facility who are working on the roof?
- d. Is the US Embassy willing to provide military escorts from the airport to the embassy upon our arrival?
- e. Is the US Embassy willing to allow workers to stay on site for the duration of this project as a safety protocol?

**Answer:**

The US Embassy Kinshasa is not in a War Zone. While mission personnel are able to travel freely outside of Kinshasa, all other travel requires review from the Regional Security Office as many areas of the DRC are deemed impermissible due to safety, security, and environmental hazards

H.2 **INSURANCE**

### H.2.1 AMOUNT OF INSURANCE

The Contractor is required by FAR 52.228-5 to provide whatever insurance is legally necessary. The Contractor, shall, at its own expense, provide and maintain during the entire performance period the following insurance amounts:

General Liability (includes premises/operations, collapse hazard, products, completed operations, contractual, independent contractors, broad form property damage, personal injury)

General Liability:	
(1) Bodily injury on or off site stated in U.S. dollars:	
Per Occurrence	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
Cumulative	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
(2) Property damage on or off site in U.S. dollars:	
Per Occurrence	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
Cumulative	<b>\$50,000.00</b>

The foregoing types and amounts of insurance are the minimums required. The Contractor shall obtain any other types of insurance required by local law or that are ordinarily or customarily obtained in the location of the work. The limit of such insurance shall be as provided by law or sufficient to meet normal and customary claims.

The Contractor agrees that the Government shall not be responsible for personal injuries or for damages to any property of the Contractor, its officers, agents, servants, and employees, or any other person, arising from and incident to the Contractor's performance of this contract. The Contractor shall hold harmless and indemnify the Government from any and all claims arising there from, except in the instance of gross negligence on the part of the Government.

The Contractor shall obtain adequate insurance for damage to, or theft of, materials and equipment in insurance coverage for loose transit to the site or in storage on or off the site.

#### **Question:**

Warranty must be deposited with offer and or after negotiations?

#### **Answer:**

F.11 Deliverables

H.1.2 The Bank Guaranty is due 10 days after award.

#### **Question:**

Please clarify if the US Embassy will be providing all Liquid Coating products (base, primer, flashing coat, finish coat, fabric, seam tape) that will be used to waterproof the roof?

#### **Answer:**



The embassy will provide all Liquid Coating products (base, primer, flashing coat, finish coat, fabric, seam tape) as stated in sections C.2.1/C2.2. Contractor is to provide materials listed in Section C.2.3

Please see the amended solicitation for the US Embassy supplied materials and equipment.

**Question:**

Please clarify if the ancillary parts (fasteners, caulking, metal for sheet metal repairs, pressure washer) can be purchased/rented locally in the Republic of Congo?

**Answer:**

Yes, the ancillary parts (fasteners, caulking, metal for sheet metal repairs, pressure washer) can be purchased/rented locally in the Republic of Congo

**Question:**

Please define the desired warranty to be provided to the government at completion of this project.

**Answer:**

E.2 QUALITY ASSURANCE

The Contractor shall institute an appropriate inspection system set forth in a Quality Assurance Plan. The plan shall include checklists of duties to be carried out, ensuring these duties are carried out by the supervisory staff and senior employees, and carrying out weekly inspections to determine whether the various services are being performed according to the contract. The Contractor shall provide copies of the weekly inspection reports to the COR.

The Contractor shall correct and improve promptly any shortcomings and substandard conditions noted during inspections. The Contractor shall bring any conditions beyond the responsibility of the Contractor to the attention of the Contracting Officer or COR.

E.2.1 MONTHLY REPORT: The Contractor shall submit to the COR a monthly progress report, along with the monthly invoice, summing up observations resulting from the inspections, progress, difficulties or irregularities encountered, resolution of problems, measures taken to improve conditions, recommendations, and other matters related to this contract.

E.2.2. INSPECTION BY GOVERNMENT: The COR, or his/her authorized representatives, will inspect from time to time the services being performed and the supplies furnished to determine whether work is being performed in a satisfactory manner, and that all supplies are of acceptable quality and standards.

The Contractor shall be responsible for any countermeasures or corrective action, within the scope of this contract, which may be required by the Contracting Officer as a result of such inspection.

## H.16 SPECIAL WARRANTIES

### H.16.2 WARRANTY INFORMATION

The Contractor shall obtain and furnish to the Government all information required in order to make any subcontractor's, manufacturer's, or supplier's guarantee or warranty legally binding and effective. The Contractor shall submit both the information and the guarantee or warranty to the Government in sufficient time to permit the Government to meet any time limit specified in the guarantee or warranty, but not later than completion and acceptance of all work under this contract.

#### **Question:**

Will shipments of supplies/equipment be able to seamless and effortlessly be shipped direct to the embassy?

#### **Answer:**

The US Embassy is supplying all of the roof coating materials for this project. Shipping and Clearing of materials is not a seamless and effortless process in the DRC.

## H.15 IMPORTED MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, AND PERSONNEL

### H.15.1 SHIPMENT AND CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

(a) Costs to be borne by Contractor. The Contractor is responsible for paying all charges incurred in obtaining materials that must be imported for the project and in transporting the materials from their place or origin to the construction site. Moving costs shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, packing, handling, cartage, overland freight, ocean freight, transshipment, port, unloading, customs clearance and duties (other than customs duties specified below), unpacking, storage, and all other charges including administrative costs in connection with obtaining and transporting the materials from their source to the project site.

(b) Duty-free clearance. The Contractor shall not be responsible for customs duties for which the Government has been able to obtain a customs waiver. The Contractor shall follow the instructions of the Contracting Officer as to the manner of labeling the shipping containers or otherwise processing shipments of imported materials in order to obtain, or continue to receive, duty free clearance through customs. The Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of customs duties, if any, which:

- (1) are imposed on items which are not labeled and processed in accordance with the Contracting Officer's instructions,
- (2) are imposed on the Contractor's tools, construction equipment and machinery imported for use on the project, or

- (3) are otherwise ineligible for duty-free entry. The Contractor is responsible for customs duties where the Contractor has failed to give adequate and timely notice to the Contracting Officer of importation on containers or materials which may be eligible for a customs waiver. The Contracting Officer will provide instructions concerning time periods for notification of importation by the Contractor.

(c) Customs Clearance. The Government will be responsible for obtaining customs clearances, and for obtaining exemption certificates or paying customs duties not waived, for imported products, materials and equipment which are labeled and processed in accordance with the Contracting Officer's instructions. The Government shall not be responsible for obtaining customs clearance for the Contractor's tools, construction equipment or machinery, nor for obtaining visas, entry or work permits for the Contractor's personnel.

**Question:**

What is the process for having small supplies/equipment shipped directly to the embassy?

**Answer:**

Please see the above referenced section H.15 of the solicitation

**Question:**

Are contractors required to have a local contractors license to conduct business at this facility?

**Answer:**

I.3 652.242-73 AUTHORIZATION AND PERFORMANCE (AUG 1999)

(a) The Contractor warrants the following:

- (1) That it has obtained authorization to operate and do business in the country or countries in which this contract will be performed;
- (2) That it has obtained all necessary licenses and permits required to perform this contract; and,
- (3) That it shall comply fully with all laws, decrees, labor standards, and regulations of said country or countries during the performance of this contract.

(b) If the party actually performing the work will be a subcontractor or joint venture partner, then such subcontractor or joint venture partner agrees to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this clause.

**Question:**

Are contractors required to obtain or pay for any portion of the local permits for this project?

**Answer:**

The US Embassy does not require a locally issued building permit for this project.

I.3 652.242-73 AUTHORIZATION AND PERFORMANCE (AUG 1999)

(c) The Contractor warrants the following:

(4) That it has obtained authorization to operate and do business in the country or countries in which this contract will be performed;

(5) That it has obtained all necessary licenses and permits required to perform this contract; and,

(6) That it shall comply fully with all laws, decrees, labor standards, and regulations of said country or countries during the performance of this contract.

(d) If the party actually performing the work will be a subcontractor or joint venture partner, then such subcontractor or joint venture partner agrees to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this clause.

**Question:**

Please define if this project is tax exempt, or if the contractor will have to pay use tax on materials.

**Answer:**

The contractor will not have to pay any tax on the materials supplied by the US Embassy.

B.2 VALUE ADDED TAX

VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT). The Government will not reimburse the Contractor for VAT under this contract. The Contractor shall not include a line for VAT on Invoices as the U.S. Embassy has a tax exemption certificate with the host government.

**Question:**

Will the contractor be required to pay all local taxes to complete this project?

**Answer:**

652.242-73 AUTHORIZATION AND PERFORMANCE (AUG 1999)

(e) The Contractor warrants the following:

(7) That it has obtained authorization to operate and do business in the country or countries in which this contract will be performed;

(8) That it has obtained all necessary licenses and permits required to perform this contract; and,

(9) That it shall comply fully with all laws, decrees, labor standards, and regulations of said country or countries during the performance of this contract.

(f) If the party actually performing the work will be a subcontractor or joint venture partner, then such subcontractor or joint venture partner agrees to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this clause.

**Question:**

Please define the Local National Holidays.

**Answer:**

Here is the official list of all holidays for the year 2021.

The U.S. Mission will be closed on the following dates in calendar year 2021 in observance of American and Congolese holidays. Additional holidays declared during the year by the DRC government will be considered by the Chief of Mission on a case-by-case basis.

January 1, 2021 Friday New Year's Day US/DRC

January 4, 2021 Monday Day of the Martyrs DRC

January 15, 2021a Friday Heroes Day (Laurent Kabila) -observed DRC

January 18, 2021 Monday Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. US

February 15, 2021 Monday Presidents' Day US

April 30, 2021b Friday Labor Day (observed) DRC

May 17, 2021 Monday Liberation Day DRC

May 31, 2021 Monday Memorial Day US

June 30, 2021 Wednesday Independence Day DRC

July 5, 2021c Monday Independence Day (observed) US

July 30, 2021d Friday Parents' Day (observed) DRC

September 6, 2021 Monday Labor Day US

October 11, 2021 Monday Columbus Day US

November 11, 2021 Thursday Veterans' Day US

November 25, 2021 Thursday Thanksgiving Day US

December 24, 2021e Friday Christmas Day (observed) US/DRC

December 31, 2021f Friday New Year's Day (observed) US/DRC

**Questions:**

Are all building roof areas easily accessible by ladder?

Answer:

No, not all roofs are accessible by ladder. Some roofs will require scaffolding.

**Question:**

Page 47, Paragraph C on Solicitation says "Building and roof list by order of priority. Measurements are in square feet. **The work should be performed one location at a time**, and in the prioritized sequence below." In order to comply with the schedule, it is necessary to work on at least 3 roofs at the same time due to the nature of the job. While one team is dismantling, the other team must apply primer and the other team must do coating works.

**Answer:**

The Contractor must follow the specifications as they are written. You must only do one location at a time as it states in C.1.1 C.

**Question:**

Page 12, Paragraph F.2 (a) on Solicitation says "commence work under this contract within **five days after** the date the Contractor receives the **notice to proceed**." On the other hand, SF 1442 Block 11 says "The Contractor shall begin performance within 5 calendar days and complete it within 194 calendar days after receiving award". Please advice which one will be applied.

**Answer:**

The start date of the actual work will be after receiving Notice To Proceed.

**Question:**

Related to RFI-3, if the answer is "performance will begin 5 days after award", there will not be enough time for; background check (min. 21 days as in page 51, section C.1.9.A) for employees and procurement of contractor furnished tools, materials and accessories.

**Answer:**

The start of the actual work will begin only once the Notice To Proceed has been issued. The Notice To Proceed will be issued once all requirements have been met to start construction.

**Question:**

Please provide drawings (including the heights or story numbers) of the proposed re-roofed buildings. We need the referenced documents in order to estimate the necessary scaffolding / ladder lengths / hoisting equipment requirement. Similarly, please provide us the perimeter wall area lengths as we need to calculate the flashing material needed to complete the work.

**Answer:**

The drawing are posted on the Beta.Sam site. You must request access to see the drawingsgs.

**Question:**

Please indicate the owner's approach on any construction delays/stoppages potentially occurred due to COVID-19.

**Answer:**

Currently there are no DRC imposed COVID 19 restrictions that would affect this project.

F.9 **EXCUSABLE DELAYS**

The Contractor will be allowed time, not money, for excusable delays as defined in FAR 52.249-10, Default. Examples of such cases include:

- (1) acts of God or of the public enemy,
- (2) acts of the United States Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity,
- (3) acts of the government of the host country in its sovereign capacity,
- (4) acts of another contractor in the performance of a contract with the Government,
- (5) fires,
- (6) floods,
- (7) epidemics,
- (8) quarantine restrictions,
- (9) strikes,
- (10) freight embargoes,
- (11) delays in delivery of Government furnished equipment, and
- (12) unusually severe weather.

In each instance, the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor, and the failure to perform. Furthermore, the failure:

- (1) must be one that the Contractor could not have reasonably anticipated and taken adequate measures to protect against,
- (2) cannot be overcome by reasonable efforts to reschedule the work, and
- (3) directly and materially affects the date of final completion of the project.

**Question:**

Who will be responsible for owner furnished materials' transportation to each application area? Should the contractor be responsible, please advise the location of the storage area and the distance between locations.

**Answer:**

The Embassy will be responsible for the transportation of all government furnished materials to each work site.

**Question:**

Will the owner provide the guarantee that the stored materials are in good conditions per the manufacturer's recommendation? Also, we need confirmation that the "Best Before Dates" of the products. If the products are damaged, the project will lose time to order and furnish new materials.

**Answer:**

The U.S. Embassy is assuming responsibility and liability for the condition of the material they are providing for this project.

**Question:**

It is our understanding that the whole batch of products are purchased per the solicitation documents. With a quick analysis, we found out and believe that quantities will not be enough to complete the project per the manufacturer's required product consumptions. What is the owner's plan for any potential missing materials?

**Answer:**

The U.S. Embassy COR will determine what to do after all the materials are used before completion of all the roofs.

**Question:**

Primer consumptions per square feet depend on the application methods and could vary dramatically. Will the client mandate any method for the application (brush/roller or spray)?

**Answer:**

The contractor must adhere to sections C.3.5 when applying the primer. The COR will assist the contractor in determining a specific method if questions arise. All application methods are to be used as appropriate for each step in the application process.

**Question:**

Please provide us with the quantity and the detail (or form with dimensions) of the metal patching products?

**Answer:**

The contractor will adhere to section C.2.3 with regards to performing the metal patching work.

**Question:**

Pg.55, Section C.3.2.C mentions replacement and securement method for metal panels. Will the replacement of the panels under contractor's scope? If yes, please provide the drawings or BoQ?

**Answer:**

The U.S. Embassy will furnish metal replacement panels. The COR will assist the contractor in determining what panels must be replaced.



**Question:**

It is our understanding that the contractor will be responsible with roof top unit and equipment's re-installation. Please provide technical data, quantities, stored locations and unit types of the referenced equipment.

**Answer:**

The contractor will not be responsible for the removal or installation of any existing equipment on the roofs such as roof top A/C units, antenna, satellite dishes, etc. The COR will determine if anything needs to be removed and will have the US Embassy staff do the removal and installation at the close of the roof work.

**Question:**

Will there be a designated area or owner-location for the removed material and regular construction debris? Will the owner provide debris area for each building site?

**Answer:**

The contractor must remove all construction debris per C.3.10-B as stated in the specification.

**Question:**

Can the Contractor use the existing access to reach roof tops for its scope in order to minimize the use of equipment cost?

**Answer:**

Yes, the contractor is allowed to use the existing exterior access to the roof on the buildings. It is for the contractor to determine if the existing access is sufficient for the work that is to be performed. Other means of access may be required.

**Question:**

Will the buildings be occupied during roof coating implementation?

**Answer:**

Yes, the buildings and residences will be occupied during the contract period.

**H.9.2 USE OF PREMISES**

(a) Occupied Premises. If the premises are occupied, the Contractor, its subcontractors, and their employees shall comply with the regulations promulgated by the

Government governing access to, operation of, and conduct while in or on the premises and shall perform the work required under this contract in such a manner as not to unreasonably interrupt or interfere with the conduct of Government business.

**Question:**

According to C.1.7.B, when directed by the owner, Contractor shall perform certain operations as designated time of day or night in order to minimize disturbance. However, according to RFQ Page 9 Working Hours clause, working hours are scheduled. Can you please clarify for which certain operations/buildings, Contractor shall perform its work in a designated time of day or night directed by the Embassy.

**Answer:**

The contractor shall follow the standard working days and hours that is stated in section F.8 WORKING HOURS. If necessary and when directed by COR, the Contractor shall perform certain operations at designated time of day or on the weekends, or during non-workdays, in order to minimize disturbance.

**Question:**

The magnitude of the project is 1-5 million considering the War zone insurance coverage requirements, and the overall hostility of the area we are required to travel in, and the level of danger our employees will be walking into. I'm requesting that an amendment be issued to change the magnitude of this project accordingly to reflect the SOW and nature of this solicitation

**Answer:**

The Embassy has determined that the magnitude of the project is accurately reflected in the below price range.

L.8 **MAGNITUDE OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

It is anticipated that the range in price of this contract will be: \$250,000 - \$500,000